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[Don't Ask Gays About Don't Ask, Don't Tell](#) - FAIR

After months of pressure from activists to make good on his campaign promise, Barack Obama called for a repeal of “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” in his January 27 State of the Union address...As the story made the rounds on television, the most striking thing about the conversation was who wasn’t in it: the people at the center of the debate.

[Navy reservist charged with sexually abusing children](#) - The Virginian-Pilot

A Navy reservist has been arrested on charges involving the rape and sodomy of a young girl and filming the acts. Scottie Lee Martinez, 37, of Dumfries in Northern Virginia, ... is charged with sexual exploitation of children and faces 15 to 30 years in prison if convicted. Martinez was stationed in Qatar in March when an Air Force captain discovered child pornography files on a shared computer network. The files were traced to Martinez’s laptop, according to a criminal complaint filed with the court.

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[Unites States Division – Center Sexual Assault Prevention Team ...](#) - Systems

BAGHDAD – Soldiers in Iraq are constantly inundated with messages urging them to stay vigilant and not fall victim to complacency. Safety messages are processed and applied to day-to-day missions and happenings outside the confines of the base. But safety isn't just a sometimes thing; it is an all-the-time thing, even when Soldiers are in an area thought to be safe and secure. This thought is what drives the Unites States Division – Center Equal Opportunity Office to raise awareness about sexual assault.

[Marine Corps Employee Posts Bond In Assault Case](#) - KETV Omaha

OMAHA, Neb. -- A U.S. Marine Corps employee accused of first-degree sexual assault has been released after posting \$10,000 bond. Evan J. Hecht made his first court appearance Tuesday morning. He was arrested Friday at police headquarters. According to court records, Hecht was at a hotel party with underage girls when he assaulted one of them. Hecht's brother, 26-year-old John G. Hecht, a U.S. Army recruiting employee, was also arrested and charged with first-degree sexual assault in connection with the incident.

[Workshop touts '3 Cs' for better prevention, intervention](#) - Ethiopian Review

“Communication, collaboration and cooperation” was the focus of more than 400 Soldiers, Airmen and civilians from seven separate regions and five different prevention and intervention programs attending this year’s National Guard Health Promotion and Annual Prevention Training Workshop here this week. “It’s all about supporting those Citizen-Soldiers and Airmen, and their families, and even folks in our sister services,” said Army Maj. Gen. Larry H. Ross, the NGB Manpower and Personnel director.

[Japan PM: Moving US base off Okinawa 'impossible'](#) - msnbc.com

TOKYO - Japan's prime minister said Tuesday that it will be impossible to move all parts of a key U.S. Marine base out of Okinawa, risking a political backlash by breaking with past promises to relocate the facility off the southern island. It was the first time since Yukio Hatoyama became prime minister in September that he officially acknowledged that at least part of Futenma U.S. Marine Corps airfield would remain in Okinawa, which hosts more than half the 47,000 American troops based in Japan under a security pact. *Note: Also seen in AP, CNN and BBC.*

[GI's retrain Congo troops known for being violent](#) - Stars and Stripes

STUTTGART, Germany — At a remote military base in the jungle city of Kisangani, an elite team of U.S. troops is attempting to retrain a battalion of Congolese infantrymen to serve as a model for a force that has a reputation for using rape as a weapon of war. In a region where intimidation is used by soldiers and the rebels they fight, the U.S. Special Operations Command Africa troops offer plenty of traditional soldiering instruction. For now, the team of about 25 Americans is focused on small-unit tactics, medical care, logistics support and communications.

[Former CG officer gets life for rape, murder](#) - NavyTimes.com

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — A former Coast Guard officer has been sentenced to life in prison for raping and killing a Jupiter woman. As part of a plea deal, 27-year-old Chi Ng received a life sentence Thursday after pleading guilty to first-degree murder. He could have faced the death penalty. Authorities say 33-year-old Nongkran Stoll, who lived near Ng’s father, had been hired to walk the father’s dog. In November 2007, Ng attacked Stoll in his father’s townhouse. He beat her, raped her and eventually strangled her by crushing her throat under his foot.

[MILITARY: Crime inside gates of Camp Pendleton](#) - North County Times

Crime doesn't stop at the gates of Camp Pendleton, the home and workplace for about 64,000 people on an average workday. In an unprecedented release of annual crime statistics, the combined civilian and military police force for the sprawling Marine Corps base just north of Oceanside says it responded to 21 rapes and 176 domestic violence calls in 2009. Officers also investigated 72 aggravated assaults, answered 25 attempted suicide calls and investigated one successful suicide.